

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Application No. 10/038,585
Attorney Docket No. Q67992

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are all the claims pending in the application. In view of the final Office Action and the Advisory Action, for purposes of appeal, the status of the claims is that claims 4-6, 10 and 11 are objected to, while claims 1-3, 7-9, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Guelich, U.S. Patent No. 5,841,020 (hereinafter "Guelich").

Applicants file concurrently with this Amendment a Notice of Appeal, giving notice of their intent to appeal the final rejection of claims 1-3, 7-9 and 12-13.


By this Amendment, Applicants rewrite objected-to claims 4-6 and 10-11 in independent form, thereby placing these claims in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter these claim amendments, at least because they serve to substantially narrow the issues on appeal.

If any points are in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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